Curios and Relics

Furniture

Chair/Settee

White House

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LINCOLN LIFE
Referred to Curator
Oct 3 - 1930
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Answered
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Arthur Hall:

Dear Sir:

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brown, of Louisville, Ky. stopped here this week: Mrs. Brown asked me to write you about two pieces of furniture I own - these are, a settee and a chair that were in the White House during Lincoln's administration - they are both good pieces, in good condition. Mrs. Brown said you are interested in Lincoln relics, I will be glad to show you these pieces: if you come it would be well to notify me: as I will be here. I have an affidavit with these pieces. Yours truly

Alice Jones

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SETTEE used by the Lincolns

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October 8, 1930

Alice Jones
Alexandria, Indiana

Dear Madam:

Your letter to Mr. Arthur F. Hall has been referred to me and I am very glad indeed to learn of the pieces of furniture which were in the White House during Lincoln's administration.

If you will give me some idea as to what value you place upon those items, we could better determine whether or not it would be worth while for us to stop and see them.

If you have copies of the affidavits showing the genuineness of the items, we should be very glad also to see those.

Thanking you again for calling this matter to our attention, we are

Respectfully yours,

_____Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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SETTEE used by the Lincolns

Lincoln Relic Purchased By Mrs. Hoover

Mrs. A. D. Jones, proprietor of an antique shop six miles north of here on Alexandria pike, has sold a Lincoln relic, a rosewood settee that was used in the White House at the time Abraham Lincoln was President, to Mrs. Herbert Hoover.

Mrs. Jones bought two pieces of furniture, a settee and chair that had been used in the White House at the time Lincoln was President from descendants of George Watton, a U. S. Patent Office employe during Lincoln's administration. Mr. Watton obtained the articles from the White House while in Washington. Mrs. Jones read articles in newspapers about Mrs. Hoover fitting up the Lincoln room in the White House, and sent her photographs of the two articles of Lincoln furniture that she owned. Mrs. Hoover ordered the settee. Along with the furniture, Mrs. Jones sent to the wife of the President affidavits establishing the fact that the article sold to her was genuine.

ANDERSON IND BULLETIN
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1931.

Mrs. Hoover Buys Rosewood Settee Used By Lincoln

ANDERSON, Ind., March 11.—(U.P.)—A rosewood settee used in the White House while Abraham Lincoln was President, has been sold to Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. A. D. Jones, owner of an antique shop here, announced.

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